

## Zambia curfew after alleged Rhodesia attack

AKA (Reuters). — The Zambian government yesterday announced a curfew and blackout in the capital and three other towns after an alleged Rhodesian attack earlier this week.

A government spokesman said the curfew and blackout would last from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. in Lusaka, Kafue, Mongu, and Livingstone.

During this period all house lights must be extinguished, and no radios or television sets would be required to stay on. Penalties for breaking regulations would be a 30-day fine or three months hard labour, or both.

The spokesman said the curfew and blackout would last until next day, when they will be reviewed.

## Pakistani ex-PM Bhutto is rested on murder charge

MASAD (AP). — The arrest of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, former Pakistani Prime Minister, on charges of corruption, has thrown an already tense and confused political situation into new turmoil.

Bhutto's arrest came after an inquiry into the death of Nawab Ahmad Ahmad Khan, a close opponent of his father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was reported to have been shot in the chest.

Bhutto was taken away in an army truck from his home in Rawalpindi, a city in the north-west of Pakistan. He was held in a military camp.

Political opponents also accused him of establishing a camp in the north-west where political prisoners were tortured.

On Thursday, General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, chief of the martial law regime, said the military government was investigating allegations that Bhutto had received kickbacks in Pakistan's purchase of French Mirage jet fighters.

On August 27, Lt. Gen. Gul Hassan, a former army chief, told a news conference that Bhutto was paid \$1 million in kickbacks for the Mirage deal, which he said was made through an unidentified Greek expatriate "in shady transactions."

He also accused Bhutto of getting "outs" on other foreign purchases, though he was not specific.

Bhutto denied these allegations the next day. Then on Friday, authorities investigating alleged misappropriation of funds seized the books of a firm that Bhutto had headed.

The Lahore High Court yesterday summoned Bhutto to appear on September 13 in two separate cases filed by two former Bhutto supporters and former ministers in the cabinet of Punjab. They have accused Bhutto of illegality in their 1975 arrests and detention for 22 months.

## Washington split on how to treat PLO

Jerusalem Post Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration is reportedly reassessing its attitude towards the PLO following the terrorist organization's decision at its recent meeting in Damascus to reject UN Security Council resolution 242.

The administration had been hoping the PLO would accept the resolution, and had said it would begin open talks with the terrorists once they had done so. But these overtures were scorned by the PLO.

The Americans, however, refused to condemn the PLO. At Friday's State Department briefing, the spokesman, asked to comment on the PLO rejection, merely said the statement "speaks for itself."

There are, however, conflicting assessments within the U.S. Government as to how final this PLO decision is. Some American specialists are convinced that the door remains open to an easing of the PLO stand, while others argue that the PLO cannot be expected to accept resolution 242 as it now reads.

The PLO objects that the resolution speaks of the Arab refugees as refugees.

The current reassessment in U.S. thinking centres around the following question: should Washington continue publicly to encourage the PLO to moderate its stand, or should it now ignore the PLO?

Israeli officials here believe that such U.S. encouragement to the PLO merely leads to stronger determination by the Arab states to insist upon PLO participation in the negotiations. If Washington did not keep holding out the hope for the Arab states that the PLO would ultimately be included in the talks, the Arabs themselves would find a way to resolve the question of Palestinian Arab representation at the Geneva conference, Israeli officials believe.

Desai: Too late for India ties with Israel

NEW DELHI (AFP). — Prime Minister Morarji Desai recently told Indian diplomats that India should have established diplomatic relations with Israel in 1948 and maintained these relations, but this mistake cannot be remedied now, according to an Indian weekly.

Yesterday's issue of the pro-Soviet "Bhaskar" said that Desai told a meeting of Indian diplomats stationed in Southeast Asia that he favours diplomatic relations with Israel in principle.

## thiopia claims new major victory

ADDIS ABABA. — Claiming its second victory over Somalia, Ethiopia has announced that it has repulsed a Somali attack in a battle for a stronghold in the Horn of Africa, and is now chasing invading forces away.

An Ethiopian broadcast by Addis Ababa radio late Friday said the "suffered heavy losses" fighting for Jijiga, about 90 miles from the Somali border.

The broadcast said the battle for Jijiga, the second largest city of the three-month war in the Horn of Africa, involved heavy tanks and ground troops.

The National Revolutionary Command has announced that the Ethiopian regular army forces have beaten off the Somali invaders.

A fierce fighting around Jijiga, the Ethiopian broadcast said, resulted in the killing of 100 Somali soldiers, and the capture of 100 Somali weapons.

A guard of the Ethiopian army said that the Somali forces had been driven back to the Somali border.

Ethiopian claims to have shot down five Somali MiG fighter planes, and heavy losses on Somali troops in three days of fighting.

Ethiopia was believed to have 70,000 seasoned troops, 15 heavy artillery and tanks, and an all-out defence of the border at Jijiga.



Arab League secretary-general Mahmoud Riad, left, and Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal at opening session of Arab foreign ministers conference in Cairo yesterday.

## Gur: Defence cuts would limit room for manoeuvre

Jerusalem Post Staff

Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur said over the weekend that the IDF is strong enough to give Israel almost complete freedom of manoeuvre politically over the coming year.

But Rav-Aluf Gur, in a radio interview with the army magazine "Eshkol," also warned that if there were cuts in the defence budget Israel would have to set limits to its freedom of manoeuvre between political and military constraints.

He also warned that the Egyptians are systematically violating the 1975 Sinai disengagement agreement, and that Israel is getting no help from the U.S. or the UN over the complaints about these violations.

Surveying the state of the army, Gur said the main achievement during the past year had been "a significant strengthening of our assault forces — in the air, on the ground and on the sea."

As to the army's goals in the coming year, Gur said the IDF must continue to build wisely, to develop its commanders, properly train its various formations, and increase the mantle of self-confidence needed for the next field of battle.

He stressed that the proper balance had to be found between developing the army for the coming years on the one hand and keeping in a state of readiness along the borders and for changes in the Arab states on the other.

He noted that it is now necessary to look two to three years ahead in building the army, as it takes that long for arms orders to arrive. It also takes a long time to induct new fighting methods in Israel's largely reserves army.

Gur stressed that a large defence budget is necessary if Israel is to realize all its programmes and maintain a reasonable balance of forces vis a vis the Arabs. If Israel wants to retain its political freedom of action "and be able to wage war under all conditions — defensive as well as offensive," it must have a large and high-quality army, he said.

He added that if the pace of Arab armament continued while Israel was limited only to a certain sum, Israel would be forced to set new political and strategic limits to its potential use of force.

However, he stressed that this freedom of action was at present still great. "And I do not think that six months or a year can now be decisive in this matter — that is, (in influencing the balance) between military power and political freedom for many years — that will be something to face up to."

Describing the situation of the PLO terrorists in Lebanon, Gur said "they have better equipment and are organized better, in larger units, than ever before."

"We realize their combat potential is far from small and that is why we take all developments in Lebanon seriously and make a point of seeing to it that the terrorists do not have a favourable starting line from which to act should they decide to attack us," he said.

The general situation in Lebanon, he said, was still fluid, with none of the parties involved knowing where it would lead. The Syrians, whose country had been made possible by the Moslem attempt to take over the country, had not themselves decided yet whether to annex Lebanon. But they were maintaining 30,000-40,000 troops there, with 300-400 tanks — so large a force that they had to reorganize their forces on the Golan.

Egypt, he said, had been constantly violating the Sinai disengagement agreement since it was signed in 1975.

The Egyptians were maintaining 14 to 19 battalions on the eastern side of the Suez Canal instead of the eight allowed by the agreement. Egypt had also illegally built 350 fortifications there "which could absorb five divisions from the western side of the Canal in practically no time at all; and that precisely is the main idea behind them," Gur warned.

## Arab Foreign Ministers meet

# Syria proposes suspension of Israel from UN

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Israel's settlement plans in the administered territories cast a heavy shadow on the Arab foreign ministers' conference, which met behind closed doors in Cairo yesterday.

The ministers of the 20-nation Arab League opened their three-day session with appeals for concerted action against what was described as Israel's moves toward "practical annexation of the occupied territories."

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Hakim Khaddam proposed that an Arab summit conference be convened next month to discuss the issues. He also called for UN punitive measures and sanctions against Israel, as well as for its suspension from the world body.

Khaddam has already invited his Moslem and non-aligned counterparts for a meeting in New York on the eve of the opening of this month's UN General Assembly session to discuss Israeli policies in the administered areas.

"We have to adopt a plan of action against these criminal measures and be resolute in the face of this flagrant challenge that endangers peace and security in the region," Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al Faisal said at the opening session of the three-day meeting of the League's ministerial council.

On a similar note Mahmoud Riad, the League's secretary-general, told the foreign ministers that "after 30 years of claiming they want peace with us, Israel finally has divulged its aggressive, expansionist intentions in an attempt to impose a fait accompli and deprive the Palestinians of their national rights."

"We have reached the crossroads... it is now necessary for us to take decisive political action."

In an official report released in Amman yesterday, Jordan said that Israel has set up 76 Jewish settlements in "occupied Arab territories" since the Six Day War of 1967.

A government spokesman said that Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim has been instructed to submit the report to the Arab League Council in Cairo and urge collective Arab diplomatic action to counter the Israeli trend.

"The Israelis are trying to confront the world with a fait accompli in the Arab occupied areas. They are ignoring and violating UN resolutions and international laws that prevent alteration of areas occupied by force," the report added.

The foreign ministers of the so-called confrontation states of Egypt, Syria and Jordan were expected to meet on the sidelines to coordinate their policies prior to the ministerial talks they — and their Israeli counterparts — will hold with U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on the eve of the General Assembly session.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Imad Fahmy conferred yesterday in Cairo with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Polyakov, but no details were disclosed.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday reported the Soviet Union as having pledged to him to "flood" any Middle East settlement that is exclusively orchestrated by the U.S. Arafat also quoted the Soviets as undertaking to play an active role toward the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East conference in the presence of all parties concerned, including the Palestinians.

In Washington, the U.S. yesterday tersely dismissed Arafat's statement that he had enlisted the service of the Soviet Union to oppose U.S. efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

## Sharon's settlement plan is for sparsely settled areas

Jerusalem Post Staff

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the minister in charge of settlement policy, on Friday night outlined a 20-year plan for establishing two million Israelis in a new belt of settlement paralleling the old — and running from the Golan in the north along the Jordan to Ophrah (Sharon's-shelk) at the southern tip of Sinai.

Discussing the plan — revealed by the press last week — for the first time, Sharon sketched on a large map for Israel TV viewers three main areas of settlement: the 650km-long strip from the Golan via the eastern slopes of Samaria to Ophrah; a shorter strip on the western slopes of Samaria to the east of the band of Israeli Arab villages called the "Little Triangle"; and a widened Jerusalem corridor connecting up with the Jordan Rift settlements.

He noted that all, including the West Bank strip, are in areas with only sparse Arab populations now.

There would also be major east-west roads to connect the existing main centre of Jewish settlement in the coastal plain with the new, parallel strip along the Jordan. One of these would run due east from Beit She'an, crossing Samaria between Ramallah and Nablus.

Sharon noted that another area requiring settlement was the southern slopes of Judea from Arad north to Hebron. Here, he noted, Hebron Hills Arabs have already been crossing the old Green Line and seeking land in pre-1967 Israel.

Asked whether new settlements would be authorized within six months, Sharon said "I believe they will be authorized even sooner."

He refused to be held to Gush Etzion's demand that 12 new settlements be approved, stating "the decision will be purely the government's." But he noted that the Likud had won the election on a platform of encouraging Jewish settlement.

Sharon said "I am thinking in terms of millions of settlers. One must look ahead. The main objective of Israel should be to double its Jewish population to six to eight million" over the next 20-30 years.

"If we want a strong, independent state we must give up settling just on the coastal strip and move elsewhere," he said. Otherwise Israel would consist of a mass of concrete from Ashdod to Nahariya, all within the range of Arab guns and having to rely on friendly powers for protection.

Sharon said Israel "would not tolerate a situation where Jews will not be able to settle all over the Land of Israel."

"I believe it has been made clear, and I'm sure it will be made clear, that when it comes to settlement Jews and Arabs will live all over this country."

Asked by the interviewer whether adverse foreign reaction would affect the rate of Jewish settlement, Sharon said: "We are always talking about the international community... I don't think we owe them anything."

"I don't see anyone who has the right to tell us where to live or not to live. This is our country."

In Washington the U.S. State Department declined on Friday to comment on press reports of the Sharon plan.

At the daily news briefing, the State Department spokesman said the U.S. would not react publicly to "speculative" news reports.

"The plan was front-paged in Friday's 'New York Times'."

Privately, however, U.S. officials said they were disturbed that the Sharon plan had surfaced at this time, when the Carter administration plans a series of meetings with Arab and Israeli foreign ministers during the forthcoming UN General Assembly session.

## Israeli soldier killed in Lebanon mortar attack

An Israeli Forces soldier, Sgt. Sami Ilan Pe'er, was killed on Wednesday when struck by shrapnel from a mortar shell while operating a tractor in the Good Fence area, the IDF spokesman announced on Friday.

If killed in Lebanese territory, he would be the first Israeli soldier to have died as a result of the Lebanese civil war.

Pe'er was helping to build a road near Kibbutz Hanita. According to foreign reports, Israelis in the past have aided Lebanese villagers in the area. He was killed during a terrorist mortar bombardment of Christian villages near the kibbutz. The family has been notified.

The spokesman, meanwhile, last night strongly denied a report from Beirut that Israeli troops stormed into south Lebanon and kidnapped a number of villagers on Friday.

In Beirut, both Palestinian terrorist and rightist Christian forces claimed the Israelis had abducted the villagers. They said these still in detention included local freelance journalist Ali Ammar who previously worked for the pro-Lebanese Beirut newspaper "As-Safir."

Sources said the Israelis had withdrawn after taking at least 16 people, 12 of whom were released after lengthy interrogation.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported yesterday that 10 people were killed when the village of Hasbaya was heavily shelled by Israeli and rightist artillery.

## Final battle brewing over U.S. anti-boycott law

By WOLF BLATNER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The American Jewish leadership and the business community are once again embroiled in a dispute over the Arab boycott against Israel.

Their differences centre on the introduction of the new anti-boycott law which Congress passed and President Jimmy Carter signed last June.

Even though the new law removed many of the worst aspects of cooperation between U.S. business and Arab boycotts, important loopholes remained in the legislation.

These loopholes are the source of the differences between the Jewish community and the business leadership.

The Commerce Department is charged with drafting regulations to implement the new law. Officials at Commerce must issue their proposed regulations on or before September 21.

During the period between the President's signing of the bill into law and the date of issuance of the proposed regulations, various interested parties were offered the opportunity to submit advisory opinions on how the law should be implemented. Most have already been submitted.

Thus, the Jewish community, represented by the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, presented Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps with a 148-page analysis of the new law.

The three groups acted on behalf of the six national and 101 local constituent agencies of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The organizations, of course, called for strict federal enforcement of the new law. They urged that all potential loopholes be plugged.

But the business community, which wants a narrow interpretation of the law, is fearful that business interests in the Arab world might suffer. Several business groups have submitted recommendations to the Commerce Department, including the prestigious Business Roundtable, which played a key role in reaching a compromise with the Jewish organizations on the wording of the new law. Other groups that filed recommendations include the Rule of Law Committee, which represents such enterprises as Chase Manhattan Bank, City Bank, and General Electric, and three other major business firms — Aramco, Mobil and Fluor (the latter three filing separate briefs).

It is now up to the Commerce Department to issue its policy guidelines — a decision that will be critical to the success or failure of the new law.

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## Young terrorists caught in Gaza

GAZA (Itim). — Security forces recently uncovered a terrorist cell after a local youth blew himself up while setting a home-made bomb in the market place here a week ago.

The 18-year-old youth was badly injured in the blast, and it was at first thought that he was simply passing by when the explosive went off. An investigation revealed that he had intended setting off the charge next to Israeli vehicles parked in the market. The cell, made up of a few young members of the Fatah terror group, was broken up before it could carry out planned terror actions in Israel. Explosives were found in their possession.

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## O.U. Centre to open in Jerusalem

Mr. George Falk, Treasurer of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, announced on his departure today at Ben-Gurion Airport that the O.U.-N.C.S.Y. Centre will be established in Jerusalem.

According to Harold Jacobs, President of O.U.J.C.A., this project is an additional link in the strong relationship of the member orthodox communities with Israel and its people. The new O.U.-N.C.S.Y. Centre in Israel will be concerned with promoting group visits to Israel for study, tourism and aliya. "Our future lies in our youth," said Mr. Falk, "and therefore we are devoting our time and efforts to creating an 'open door' programme to suit everyone. The Centre is planned to be a warm home for those away from home, and not primarily an additional study institution. We want our youngsters coming to Israel to have a place where they can feel at home and meet young Israelis."

An up-to-date progress report on the Centre will be presented by Mr. G. Falk, Chairman of the project, to the officers of the Union at their next meeting in New York.

The support of various dignitaries in Israel, ministers of the Israel cabinet and officials of the Jewish Agency is of great encouragement to O.U.-N.C.S.Y. in America. Mr. and Mrs. George Falk will return to Israel for Succot to deal with the various difficulties and red tape encountered in opening the Centre planned for Pessah 1978.

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# named Ashkelon deputy mayor held as bribe suspect

ASHKELON (Itim). — Baruch Ashkelon, first deputy mayor of Ashkelon, was ordered held in custody for 10 days on Friday on suspicion of demanding and receiving at least IL200,000 in bribes, among other suspected malfeasances. Ashkelon's arrest and remand aroused deep interest in the town, as the municipality has long been the shadow of a police investigation. The Magistrate's Court here, the local representative was not prepared to reveal all the suspicions against Ashkelon. But the court did say Ashkelon was held to comment on three specific allegations. One, that he had taken a 50,000 bribe from contractor Mordechai Mahlowitz, the second, that he had taken another IL70,000 to build a house on Ashkelon's beach, and third, that he had forged postal orders to change the date on tenders for Ashkelon's town planning mission, of which he was chairman. The court also said that he had written a letter to Mahlowitz — who they had made a deal with the court and is expected to testify in the Ashkelon case — confirming that he had bribed Ashkelon. Another identified man, interrogated by the court, is also expected to testify as a witness against the deputy mayor, police said.

Appearing without an attorney, Ashkelon — cousin to Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhabsheira and leader of the National Religious Party faction in the town council — denied all the police allegations, claiming he was the victim of a "political vendetta."

Judge Zvi Nadav ordered Ashkelon held for 10 days until the High Holy Days. The magistrate said that he could not dismiss the possibility that Ashkelon — who holds a "position of tremendous influence" in Ashkelon as head of several important municipal bodies and descendant of a family of distinguished Moroccan rabbis — would abuse his freedom by trying to influence potential witnesses.

Police have asked for a 15-day remand order. The deputy mayor is reportedly the man to whom police returned when earlier on Friday morning they asked for the extension of engineer Idan Lefkowitz's remand order on suspicion of being an intermediary for municipal bribes. When Lefkowitz was first remanded two weeks ago his defence attorney had claimed that "the main actors in the case" had not been arrested. When pressed by Lefkowitz's attorneys on Friday the police officer who asked for the extension conceded that one of the main actors will be brought to court for remand in another hour.

The police investigation has also led to the remand of a postal clerk suspected of forging the date on a tender sent to the municipality.



Thirty-six Lebanese fighters and civilians from Christian villages in South Lebanon are spending the weekend in Jerusalem's Plaza Hotel as guests of the management. After arriving on Friday they toured Christian holy sites. Here they are seen near the Western Wall.

## U.S. auto union to visit Israel

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT WASHINGTON. — The powerful United Auto Workers union has announced that it was accepting an invitation from Histadrut secretary general Yehoram Meshel to send a delegation on November 7 to visit Israel. The delegation may, as Meshel had requested, include Arab-American members of the union.

The announcement came shortly after Meshel addressed the UAW's executive committee meeting in Toronto, Canada. During his address, Meshel said he was not happy that the Likud had won the recent Israeli elections, but he was "proud" the elections had been democratically and smoothly held.

Meshel flew to Toronto from Washington, where he met with Vice President Walter Mondale and other administration officials, the leadership of the AFL-CIO, and Labour Secretary Ray Marshall.

## Haifa man believes wife fled to U.S. with children

By YACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Haifa man believes that his estranged wife, who vanished in the middle of their divorce proceedings, took their two small children with her to the U.S. under a false passport.

Yehuda Sourjon, 35, told The Jerusalem Post that he is continuing to pay IL1,500 a month in child support to his wife's Haifa lawyer although she disappeared with the children six months ago. The support was determined by the Rabbinate Court in Haifa at the beginning of the divorce proceedings.

Sourjon said that he gets a warning of arrest "if I am even a week late in payment." However, he said he didn't mind paying the support "so that I shall have a clear conscience if and when I find my children again."

Sourjon, an automobile upholsterer, said he married his American-born wife Peggy (nee Rothchild), who immigrated from St. Louis, Missouri, in 1970. They had two children, Maya, age 6, and Yossi, 3½. In July 1976, they decided to get a divorce on grounds of incompatibility and filed suit in the Rabbinate Court. She moved in with her parents in the Nava She'anah quarter with the children.

Sourjon reported that she did not appear for the next hearing of the suit, and her lawyer resigned from the case, claiming that she had disappeared.

He checked with the Border Control of the Israel Police and established that his wife had not left the country under her married or her maiden name. He claimed to have information she managed to leave the country with the children on a U.S. passport that she had received under an assumed name. Both children were registered as U.S. citizens at birth, he said.

## Find pushes back age of Shikmona

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER HAIFA. — Eight undamaged earthenware jars found last week at the Tel Shikmona archaeological dig on the southern approaches to Haifa appear to have pushed back the age of settlement at the site by 200 years — to the expulsion of the Hyksos from Egypt in the 16th century BCE.

A spokesman for City Hall, which finances the 13-year-old dig, said the vessels appear to have been found at bedrock. "If this is confirmed," he said, "it would mean that they are remnants of the first settlement at this spot." The spokesman added that more pottery is expected to be found as the dig continues.

The dig, directed by Dr. Yosef Elgavish, had been going on every summer since 1963. The team of archaeology students and volunteers are working under difficult conditions, standing in a deep, airless pit in muddy soil from which water cannot be drained because of the depth.

## New book suggests Carter purposely torpedoed Peres

By NEVYA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party leader Shimon Peres' refusal to accept political "help" from U.S. president Jimmy Carter may have led to the Carter remark that some as having cost Labour the election — according to a massive new book by "Yediot Aharanot" reporter Arye Avneri on the downfall of the Labour Party.

In his book "Hamapolel" (The Downfall) Avneri relates that on the eve of the May 17 election Carter said Peres through the U.S. ambassador if he could help him. Peres declined.

A few days later Carter dropped remarks about a "homeland for the Palestinians" — a move which in the view of some observers contributed to the collapse of the Alignment and the Likud's assumption of power.

The 688-page book, which is published by Yehuda Schitt's Revivim house, also says that in a desperate effort to stave off defeat the Alignment electoral committee decided to announce that former U.S. ambassador to the UN Arthur Goldberg would join the Cabinet (its Cabinet) after the elections as Minister for the Jewish People. But Goldberg declined the idea.

Another "find" Avneri relates is that Likud representatives, when Likud leader Menachem Begin was in hospital following a heart attack, approached Peres to ask him to join the Likud as a substitute for Begin should the latter be incapacitated. But Peres, sure of winning, refused, Avneri alleges.

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## Alex Haley of 'Roots' here

U.S. author Alex Haley, whose book "Roots" tracing his ancestry back to West Africa has been one of the greatest publishing and TV successes in U.S. history, arrived in Israel on Friday for a 10-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

Haley, who will be staying in Jerusalem, commented on his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport, "This is a very special country. The real beginnings and the real roots are here." He said he had always wanted to visit the country, but had not been able to afford it before the success of "Roots," adding: "Now that I'm famous and have enough money more than enough to travel wherever I want, the Israeli government goes and invites me here. It isn't fair, is it?"

During his stay Haley is scheduled to meet with President Katsir, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, former prime minister Golda Meir, and other personalities. He will also be planting a tree today at the Kennedy Memorial outside Jerusalem.

## Crime ring assumed linked to drug haul on Zim ship

By YACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter

FA. — The \$500,000 worth of pure hashish, discovered on board Israeli container ship Zim Mouni in New York last month, was being carried by a stevedore organized crime ring which would have the resources to so large a sum, sources related here on Friday.

The hashish was discovered by U.S. customs agents on August 16, following a false bomb alarm, as the ship was in a shipyard at Port Elizabeth, near New York, for unexpected repairs.

It is believed that the bomb alarm had been reported either by a rival crime ring, who hoped the police would uncover the hashish or by the customs men themselves, to get the crew to evacuate the ship and give them the opportunity to search without interference. The customs men may have had information on the arrival of a drug shipment.

"Police traced a \$100,000 fine on the ship itself, as is usual in such cases, when the police are unable to determine the ownership of contraband discovered on a ship. The fine will be paid by Zim, which has had to pay such fines in the past.

## Boy killed by car's stray bullet

HAIFA (Itim). — A year-old boy was wounded here on Friday by a stray bullet fired from a car. The boy, who was lying on the ground, was taken to a hospital, but he could not save his life. The car was stopped and the driver was taken into custody. The police are investigating the case.

## MENGELE SAID SIGHTED IN ITALY

JESOLO, Italy. — Italian security police were investigating reports on Friday that former Nazi medical experimenter Josef Mengele, known as "the angel of Auschwitz," recently stayed at a hotel near this northwestern resort town.

The magazine "Domenica del Corriere" said Mengele may have visited the town of Jesolo to visit his wife Martha, a resident of Italy, and his son, Karl Heinz.

In Jesolo, a local court on Friday upheld a ban on a planned pro-Nazi rally by a Munich bethel organized by the extremist German People's Party.

Plans for the rally, which was to be held yesterday, brought strong protests from Jewish groups, other victims of the Nazi era, political parties and trade unions.

About 600 trade unionists marched through central Munich on Thursday night in an anti-Nazi protest.

The organizers of the pro-Nazi rally said its theme was that the German people had atoned long enough for the years of Nazi rule.

Meanwhile Simon Wiesenthal, who heads the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna, confirmed on Friday that the man who died last month in an Asunción, Paraguay, hospital was in fact Edward Roeschmann, a former Nazi known as the "Butcher of Riga."

Sen. Richard Stone (D. Florida) will submit legislation in the near future to enable the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to deport individuals when there is substantial evidence that they committed war crimes under the Nazis, his office said on Thursday.

The Stone bill would add such criminals to those who can be deported. A similar measure has been introduced in the House by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D., NY) and has been endorsed by INS Commissioner Leonel Castillo.

Since the expiration of the Displaced Persons Act of 1953, "immigrants are no longer questioned" about their activities during World War 2, according to a statement from Stone's office.

"The Carter administration has shown a determination to seek out Nazi war criminals who have tried to conceal atrocities they committed," Stone said.

(Reuter) (UPI, AP)

## Day nursery hours

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER TEL AVIV. — Na'amat's day nurseries will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in areas where most of the mothers will now work a five-day week, nine hours a day. Over 14,000 children will attend Na'amat's nurseries this year.

## 'Save Jewish sites'

NEW YORK (JTA). — An urgent call for the legal protection and landmark preservation of Jewish historical sites throughout the world was issued by the first international conference on Jewish art, held at Oxford University last week.

The conference sponsored jointly by the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies and the Tarbut Foundation of New York noted that such government protection was especially important for the thousands of synagogues, and cemeteries left abandoned in the wake of the Holocaust and now in jeopardy of total obliteration.

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## New Cyprus President urges unified state

NICOSIA. — The new president of Cyprus, Spyros Kyprianou, said yesterday that Greek Cypriots would accept federation on the island, but not confederation or partition.

Addressing a special session of the House of Representatives after taking the oath of office, Kyprianou, 44, stressed that Cyprus must remain a unified state under any settlement of the dispute between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

"Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots must be free to live where they wish, work where they wish, move freely where they wish," said the successor to the late Archbishop Makarios.

The Turkish side has declared a Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in the northern third of the island which the Turkish Army has occupied for three years. In a federation the stress is on the supremacy of the

common government while in a confederation the sovereign independence of each state is emphasised.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş has warned foreign ambassadors to Cyprus that they will be barred from the Turkish part if they recognise Kyprianou as president of all Cyprus and not just of the Greek sector.

The House was packed with senior government officials, foreign diplomats and UN representatives — an indication that the new Greek Cypriot leader is accepted by most if not all countries as president of Cyprus.

Britain, the U.S. and the Soviet Union are among several countries that have already stated they will continue to recognise the government of the island republic exactly as they did under Makarios. (Reuters, UPI)

## Earth tremors trap workers in Transvaal gold mines

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — At least 14 black mine workers were killed and 26 others were missing after an earth tremor shook two Western Transvaal gold mines, mine officials said yesterday.

The officials said the bodies of 12 black miners had been recovered from Blyvooruitzicht mine, and two more dead blacks had been brought to the surface at Hartbeesfontein, 100 kilometres away.

The officials said 23 miners, including a white, were still missing at Blyvooruitzicht, while three more blacks were still trapped underground at Hartbeesfontein.

Mine officials said there was "little hope" that the blacks missing at Hartbeesfontein would be found alive.

"Teams are working round the

clock towards the section where they are trapped, but there is no sound whatever from that area. It is our presumption that all three are dead," a spokesman for Anglo-Vaal Mining Group said.

A Rand Mines spokesman said rescuers at Blyvooruitzicht were still hopeful of finding some of the missing men alive. They include a white supervisor, Willem Bester.

Rescuers said areas round the rock falls at both mines were badly damaged, making it difficult and dangerous to reach the missing men.

"The work is delicate and they are moving the rocks by hand," the Rand Mines official added.

The accident at Hartbeesfontein is the second this year. Nine men were killed and 49 injured in January



A group of young people keep themselves (and a British Bobby) amused by dancing a hora around the policeman while waiting for their El Al flight which was delayed for 24 hours at Heathrow airport last week. This time the problem was technical, a bird in the jumbo engine, rather than the labour dispute which has been clogging up London's main airport.

## UK flights cut 40% again as strike goes on

LONDON (UPI). — British airports again axed 40 per cent of incoming and outgoing flights yesterday as the nation's air traffic control assistants continued an indefinite strike that is costing airlines a total \$2m. (about £1.34m.) a day and causing flight delays of up to 24 hours.

Airline spokesmen said their companies were operating at least 60 per cent of their flights — the traffic level adopted when the assistants first walked off the job on August 6.

A possibility of solving the dispute was blocked last Thursday when the assistant controllers walked off the job after a threat to suspend them if they caused more delays.

Len Vass, spokesman for the air controllers guild said "Flight safety will be the (controllers') number one priority. Expediting of aircraft will be very much second place."

The 850 assistants, who normally operate airport computers, walked off the job to pressure the government to grant a pay hike already approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The government says the raise infringes its anti-inflation programme.

A spokesman for the assistants said they were consulting with other members of their union about "the need to escalate the strike."

But flight cancellations and the defection of thousands of travellers to road, sea and rail transport has prevented mass chaos at most airports, a CAA spokesman said.

"We are operating as we have been all last week," said a spokesman for British Airways, which announced cancellations of 46 short-haul and four long-haul flights yesterday.

Airlines reported delays ranging

from a few minutes for short continental flights to 24 hours for some long-haul charters. Transatlantic flights were being delayed an average of five hours, they said.

Vass claimed that a large part of the delays were caused by French and Spanish air controllers pay disputes. In Madrid, a strike scheduled for September 15 by Spanish air controllers appears to have been averted with government agreement to transfer airport towers from military to civilian control, a controllers' spokesman said on Friday.

The 700 controllers have been on a work-to-rule slowdown for one year by following safety regulations to the letter. The slowdown has caused delays of up to five hours in departures and arrivals in international flights recently because of the cumulative effect of the British strike. (UPI, AP)

## One per cent of world arms budget could rescue areas from encroaching deserts

NAIROBI (AP). — The UN conference on the spread of deserts ended its first week yesterday with delegates considering proposals to halt natural encroachments that are blamed for thousands of deaths.

The session has been marked by politics, but almost 2,000 delegates from 110 nations have heard scores of plans and suggestions for a worldwide fund to aid endangered nations.

To describe the problem, organizers of the conference, the UN Environment Programme (Unep), coined a new — desertification.

Statistics aired at the meeting show one in eight humans, half the world's cattle, one-third of the world's sheep and two-thirds of the world's goats live in deserts. Thirty million tons of grain are lost every year as deserts engulf croplands.

In summing up the first week's speeches by the delegates, the Egyptian former Minister for Agriculture

and Land Reclamation, Omer Badran, said the problem was a "matter of life and death" for many countries, including Egypt.

He said nothing can be accomplished without "the wise use of water, natural resources and international control."

Dr. Richard Baker, a British scientist and expert on deserts and forest conservation, said that of the 30b. acres of land on earth, 9b. acres had turned into desert because of the "deficiency" of trees. He said the Sahara was advancing across 100 kilometres southward every year.

Delegates said the hardest-hit area in recent times is the Sahel region of Africa, which had a disastrous drought from 1965 to 1975. Countries affected include Algeria, Morocco, Chad, the Sudan, Egypt and Tunisia.

More than 100,000 persons died as a result of the drought, which turned rich grazing lands and farms into

bleak deserts, forcing whole populations to abandon the land, giving further impetus to desertification.

Rumanian delegate Ion Dracianescu said one per cent of the \$300b. spent on arms in 1976 could help solve the problem in the Sahel. He said he would be spending on military weapons by 1980, and called for "war machinery money" to step worldwide desertification.

Political disputes made a brief appearance in the second day of the two-week conference.

Arab nations, backed by China and the Soviet Union, walked out when Israeli delegate Yosi Schochter approached the rostrum to give his country's outline of desertification problems.

Libya and observers from the Palestine Liberation Organization criticized Israel's reclamation of the Negev, alleging that its objective since 1950 was to seize half the waters of the Jordan River.

## Teacher acquitted of giving love lessons

LONDON (Reuters). — A pretty blonde school teacher collapsed in the dock on Friday after a jury found her not guilty of giving illicit love lessons to an 11-year-old boy pupil.

Mrs. Sandra Maybaw, 26, was overcome after a four-and-a-half day trial during which the boy described intimate details of her body, including the colour of her pubic hair, a rash on her breasts, and an abdominal scar.

Maybaw denied charges that she had indecently assaulted the boy and committed an offence of gross indecency against him. The case was brought to court after the boy suffered a urinary tract disorder.

Outside the court a crowd cheered Maybaw and office staff lined the streets waving as she drove off cuddling her husband, a civil servant.

The bizarre teacher-pupil case at Lewes Crown Court, south of here, hit the headlines after the boy, described in court as a "teacher's pet" and the son of a policeman, said he had taken part in sex sessions

with Maybaw at her home while her husband was at work.

The boy gave detailed accounts of what occurred during the alleged bedroom episodes.

During cross-examination Maybaw said the boy could have seen details of her body when she wore a bikini while taking him and other pupils for a swim. She described the boy as sulky and said "he was always at my elbow."

Part of the evidence produced in court by the prosecution was an autograph book she gave the boy. A poem written by her said: "...and keep a little corner for me in your heart."

After she regained her composure

Maybaw told reporters: "I feel thoroughly vindicated."

An education department spokesman said Maybaw had been suspended with full pay during the trial. "I would presume that as she has been acquitted she has every right to wish to return to work," he said.

But the teacher said she would have a holiday first before considering whether she was going to resume teaching.

The boy's mother wept after the verdict.

Earlier Judge Brian Grant told the jury they would have to consider whether the boy had told "diabolical lies." He pointed out no motive had been suggested for the boy to tell lies in the course of the evidence.

### Floating brothel

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP). — City officials are considering a plan to put Rotterdam's prostitutes aboard a floating brothel in an abandoned area of the local docks.

Mayor Andre van der Louw and three other members of the city council were going to Denmark on Friday to look over a 400-bed hotel ship that might be for sale.

A campaign to confine the city's estimated 700 prostitutes to a secluded part of the city started in 1974,

### Skirtsophrenia

LONDON (AP). — Police have caught one skirt supper but they have not sewn up the case. After they grabbed Graham Carter, 29, a clerk who was spotted slipping a woman's skirt with scissors on a London subway escalator, other cases were reported.

"We shall obviously have to resume observations," Detective Constable Bob Wright said in court on Thursday when Carter was put on probation for causing criminal damage.

## New strain of pneumonia found resistant to most antibiotics

ATLANTA, GEORGIA (AP). — A new strain of pneumonia, resistant to most known antibiotics, is a cause of major concern to world health authorities, the National Centre for Disease Control (CDC) said on Friday.

The new strain has been seen only in hospitals in Durban and Johannesburg, South Africa, so far. It is a derivation of pneumococcal pneumonia — the most common bacterial pneumonia, prevalent throughout the world.

If the new strain establishes a stronghold, the number of useful drugs will be narrowed considerably, according to the CDC.

Before the introduction of antibiotics in the treatment of pneumonia — an infectious lung disease — between 20 and 40 per cent of patients with hospital-acquired pneumococcal pneumonia died.

It has been treated successfully with penicillin there are other drugs which have been used.

The new strain is resistant to the drugs most commonly used to treat pneumonia.

The first cases were reported in Durban last year. The strain was found in two hospitals in Johannesburg, about 800 km away, the CDC said.

### Burma treason plot

RANGOON (UPI). — A plot to kill Burmese government officials was uncovered yesterday, the second time in 18 months President Ne Win and members of his government have escaped an alleged assassination attempt.

Radio Rangoon monitored in Bangkok said five members of Burmese minority groups were charged with the attempted assassination of the President, his cabinet and the overthrow of the government.

### Panama professor dies

STOCKHOLM (AP). — A Panamanian law professor who set fire to himself outside the U.S. embassy here to protest the new Panama Canal treaty died on Friday morning in a hospital.

Authorities said the victim, Leopoldo Aragon, suffered burns over 90 per cent of his body when he drenched himself with petrol and ignited it on Thursday night. An emergency press attaché and U.S. Marine guards extinguished the fire, police and embassy officials reported.

### Cholera gets to Iran

TEHRAN (UPI). — Cholera has broken out in some west Iranian areas but there are no reports yet of fatal cases, hospital sources said yesterday.

Hospitals in Kermanshah and Sanandaj, 500 kilometres southwest of Teheran, were receiving up to 20 patients a day, all of whom had been isolated, the sources said.

However, Health Minister officials denied any knowledge of cholera in Iran, which would be the fourth country to be hit, after Turkey, Syria and Kuwait.

### U.S. 'victory' at UN

NEW YORK (Reuters). — In a clear victory for the U.S., the UN Decolonisation Committee on Friday shelved for at least another year a Cuban resolution calling for self-determination and independence for Puerto Rico.

The vote on an Australian motion to adjourn the debate on Puerto Rico until next year's session of the 24-nation committee was 11 in favour, seven against and four abstentions.

U.S. officials said the vote was a

Rhodesian airman die

SALISBURY (AP). — Two white Rhodesian airmen were killed when their aircraft crashed near the Mozambique border, the Rhodesian military command announced yesterday. It was not specified whether the plane was shot down or crashed accidentally.

### Istanbul squatters riot

ISTANBUL (AP). — Three persons were killed and at least 40 wounded on Friday in an hour-long clash between police and armed squatters resisting eviction, police said.

The armed battle broke out when a riot squad, empowered by a municipal decree for eviction, arrived with bulldozers in a shanty town on the Asian side of the Bosphorus straits which divide Istanbul.

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### Editor's son found

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — A two-year-old son of an Argentine newspaper editor was found dead, the Buenos Aires newspaper "La Prensa" reported yesterday.

When the child was taken to his parents' home near Plaza on August 31, 1976 reported the kidnapping work of the left-wing M. terrorists, who in 1974 responsibility for murder

grandfather, David Kralicek, was carried to a bodyguard working for a father, Raul Kralicek, the newspaper "El Dia" of

### Indian villagers d

NEW DELHI (AP). — Mo people were feared down day when a boat crew villagers capsized and br the Narmada River in Cen

Army troops rescued on estimated 95 to 100 persons boat home from market town of Narmada and north of Indore, a local official reported.

### Danish espionage

COPENHAGEN (AP). — electronics engineer, Be 38, was sentenced to eight months in prison on Friday 1 classified equipment agents.

Welbel, who ran his own firm in the Roskilde area, was found guilty in a closed hearing in court.

Welbel said he would be the severest sentence was in Denmark since Wc

Ethel Waters, 80

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Waters, an actress and beauty queen, died of a heart attack, died at a friend's Thursday after a lengthy illness.

"I'm not afraid to die," Waters told a reporter she first became ill. "I'm kind of looking forward to it."

Waters, who was 80, was a former Miss America, a 13-year mother in a Philadelphia

Miss Waters had a 50-business career and made her songs, such as "Am I Blue" and "My Weather."

EXPULSED. — Sri L ordered two visiting Soviet ion representatives to country on the first avai to Moscow, the Foreign

Communist Party order followed news rep suggested that the Soviet be behind the wave of violence that engulfed Sri two weeks last month.

PRESLEY BODY. — A was willing to pay \$40,000 for the body of Elvis Presley's planning to demand a \$10 million ransom, a police inf reporter in Memphis, yesterday.

## The 'good life' behind prison bars

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP). — Police have uncovered what they described as a lively postmidnight traffic in champagne, women and male transvestites for inmates in a medium-security prison.

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For some weeks, police prisoners after midnight sudden scampering around hurried closing of doors. A claim that prison life was described in the manual of a robbery suspect

prostitute, while they were with a prison guard. The police to uncover the prison activities.

Five prison warders immediately arrested and were informed they were investigation.

Behind the bars, the man behind the traffic was Police said the suspect, Mazzeo, serving a 24-year murder, had left the August 9 on a "good con and has not been seen si

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# Does Dayan speak for Begin?

THE NEAR unanimous consensus which developed in the Knesset on Thursday around opposition to any form of talks with the PLO diverted the spotlight of attention from the major event of importance in the foreign policy debate: Foreign Minister Dayan's speech.

The analysis he presented in the Knesset is in keeping with the views he has consistently espoused during the past three years, but in tone it would seem to diverge substantially from the positions articulated by Mr. Begin since taking office.

The Prime Minister has reiterated time and again that there is no confrontation between the U.S. and Israel; Mr. Dayan devoted a major part of his address to a discussion of the serious differences which exist between the two countries on the issue of the Palestinians and on the fate of the territories.

Mr. Begin has told the Americans that at Geneva "everything is negotiable" but in other statements he has made his deep ideological opposition to any withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza abundantly clear; Mr. Dayan was crystal clear on Thursday that, although the Government favoured a solution on the West Bank based on Jewish and Arab coexistence under Israeli control, if the Arabs were to propose a division of territory the Government would be prepared to consider the proposal.

The tenor of the foreign policy stance articulated by the Prime Minister has stressed Arab intransigence on the peace issue as the major stumbling block; Mr. Dayan has gone out of his way to emphasize the importance of President Sadat's statements regarding his desire to arrive at an arrangement with Israel and capped this in the Knesset by suggesting that Sadat should not be dismissed as a dissembler.

Presumably Mr. Dayan's statements were approved by the Prime Minister. Certainly he has not disowned them or the approach they represent. True, Mr. Begin's information adviser, Shmuel Katz, recently told "Newsweek" magazine that Mr. Dayan does not represent Mr. Begin, but not a hint to the same effect has come from Mr. Begin himself.

Despite the undeniable differences in the positions and analytical emphases of the two men, Mr. Begin's decision to appoint Mr. Dayan as foreign minister and his continued support for him would seem to indicate a tacit admission on his part that his own ideologically-based positions are untenable as operative policies.

The Prime Minister's "triumph" in Washington was based on his declared readiness to put off potentially divisive issues until the Fall. This is a tactic that cannot be adopted twice. Now that September, the UN and the talks in New York and Washington are upon us, the tactical flexibility implied in Mr. Dayan's approach is certainly preferable to a position that leads from "everything is negotiable" to refusal to consider any Israeli concessions in talks with the Arabs.

While there is reason to believe that Mr. Begin fully supports Mr. Dayan's approach to the diplomatic problems that will confront Israel in the next few months, the same cannot be said for the Prime Minister's party, Herut. In expressing himself as he has, Mr. Dayan has opened himself up to criticism from that stronghold of ideological true-believers, and Mr. Katz is perhaps just the first shot in that direction.

Dayan's vulnerability in the new configuration of Israeli's politics, as a one-man faction in the Knesset whose ministerial status is predicated on the continued backing of the Prime Minister, has made it essential that he shore up his own political support.

This would seem to be the major explanation for the initiative of a number of ex-Rafi members in the Likud's La'am faction, in the DMC and in the Labour Party, to convene a supra-party study circle next Saturday for the purpose of organizing support for Mr. Dayan.

While one of the results of this initiative may be to foster splits within Labour and the DMC, the principal purpose would seem to be to bring about establishment of a new party around Mr. Dayan, possibly as a faction within the Likud.

# Mr. Sharon's plan

FROM the beginning, it has been said that Mr. Begin's Cabinet, in contrast to its predecessor, would speak with one voice. Moreover agreement within the Cabinet would prevent the kind of continuous and damaging leaks to the press that harassed the Rabin Government.

If this is indeed the case, it must be assumed that Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon's decision to publicly unveil his long-range plans for settlement on the West Bank was not a lone decision, but had the approval of the Prime Minister.

Moreover since it is a twenty-year plan, which presumably would not have been set back by being made public, say next week, should it be assumed that the timing was deliberately intended to coincide with the opening of the Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo, called in response to Israeli settlement decisions on the West Bank?

In the past, under Mr. Galili, the decisions and the plans of the Settlement Committee, which Mr. Sharon now heads, were closely guarded and made public only after careful consideration of the timing.

The new government has either thrown care to the winds, or has a more sophisticated notion of timing and politics than the nation has yet seen.

THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT is based on the thinnest parliamentary majority in Israel's history. The Prime Minister, however, by dint of his personality and his showmanship both at home and abroad, has so far succeeded in conveying the impression of heading an administration that enjoys widespread public support.

Some recent polls would seem to bear out this public opinion. Mr. Begin's leadership, such as Mr. Begin's, cannot make do with one good show. It has to keep putting on good shows and do all in its power not to fall flat on its face. The normal complement of mistakes and blunders that the public tends to allow grey and unspectacular rulers is generally denied to their more flamboyant counterparts.

The present Government, and the Prime Minister personally, will thus have to be more on their guard against fatal mistakes than were the long-lived and -elusive Ben-Gurion — non-charismatic Labour governments. All this is said in consideration of one of the main problems confronting the Government — the issue of potential conflict of interests facing some of its members, which is expected to be brought up at today's Cabinet meeting.

The issue arises because for the first time Israel is being governed by a Cabinet comprising several ministers who could certainly be called rich men by local standards. At the same time, there is a glaring discrepancy between this new reality and the public attitudes and official practices towards the question of conflict of interests that are holdovers from earlier and more austere days.

THE PROBLEM was recognized from the beginning. Mr. Weizman, when it became clear that he was to become Defence Minister, sold out his interest in a firm that is a defence contractor, and in a number of companies that import defence components. Other ministers, however, felt that they were in the clear, and did not have to take any steps to avoid situations in which they could be accused of being torn between

their political duties and their private pecuniary interests.

Minister of Industry Yigael Hurvitz felt that the transfer of formal ownership of his dairy-products firm to his sons several years ago was sufficient to remove such a danger. Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon similarly believed that vesting ownership of his 5,500 dunam farm in the south in his wife's name was going far enough to meet the requirements of morality and the law. Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's solution of transferring formal ownership of his lens-polishing plant to his wife and son was in the same vein.

None the less, in response to press comment and criticism in the Knesset, the Cabinet decided to put the question to a committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Shimon Aishar, which submitted its report more than a fortnight ago.

The fact that the committee's recommendations were somewhat discomfiting was attested to by the Cabinet's decision to re-submit them to a ministerial committee for further study. The Cabinet Secretary, in reporting on this decision, quoted Attorney-General Barak to the effect that it was free either to accept the Aishar Committee's recommendations (in toto or in part), or to reject them.

In actual fact, Prof. Barak expressed the opinion that he would find it difficult to represent ministers in court cases involving conflict of interests, even on the basis of the Aishar Committee's recommendations. These, he intimated, were already a far-reaching compromise between the ideal situation and a worldly recognition of the desire to

# READERS' LETTERS

## RECOGNIZE THE PLO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Having spent practically half a year in Israel where I conducted a considerable amount of my own private "research" into the Middle East problem, I more than fully appreciate Mr. Begin's views about territorial concessions and his refusal to allow a separate Palestinian state to be established. His attitude to the PLO, however, is unconstructive, folly and somewhat illogical in my view.

Mr. Begin says he refuses to deal with "murderous and genocidal" forces. What then were the Germans? The PLO's activities, however barbarous, are small time compared to the Nazi holocaust and yet I notice that Israel cooperates and has cooperated with Germany to the tune of several hundred million dollars of aid and continuing trade benefits each year. And rightly so: in terms of the political and economic interests of the young State of Israel, it was a political and practical necessity.

What is more of a necessity than stopping PLO butchery and trying for a political peace in which the PLO has had, and will have an integral role to play, whatever Israeli think or do?

How can you expect the PLO to eat humble pie and recognize Israel, if Israel won't eat its own and recognize the PLO? The PLO are frustrated, angry, proud men whose self-esteem and self-respect have to be pandered to. In any case, Israel's backing down would put the onus on the PLO to correct and righten so: it would neutralize a considerable amount of ferocious anti-Israeli press and public opinion, which seems to be endemic in Europe nowadays.

To cling to a moral principle blindly in any way whatsoever to talk to the PLO, all that Mr. Begin is doing is to perpetuate Israeli suffering at their bloody murderous hands. ALAN SHARPLES, Manchester, England.

## COMPARATIVE SHOPPING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is unrealistic enough when a Sabra who never lived in the United States does it, but it is downright silly when it is done by a market analyst. I'm talking about your columnist, Martha Meisels, who is constantly comparing prices in the U.S. and Israel by computing \$1 = IL10.

It is pretty obvious that the only realistic way to compare prices between two countries is to compare the time one has to work for the same item or service in the two countries. Taking this into consideration, there is absolutely nothing which is cheaper in Israel than in the U.S. and almost everything costs three times as much.

ERWIN FUERN, Ramat Hefel.

# A burden of office

The dilemma of a potential "conflict of interests" facing the Begin Cabinet can, and must, be solved by wealthy ministers selling properties which stand in the way of disinterested government, suggests YOSEF GOELL.

however, to believe the opposite: that they will make all their decisions in complete disregard of the possible losses they might suffer.

That is what the principle of conflict of interests is all about: not placing public officials in a position where the question and the suspicions can arise at all.

MANY ISRAELIS come from parts of the world — either Eastern Europe or the Moslem Middle East — where such a problem is not considered. The political culture there assumes that the goals of holding public office, Israel, in its pioneering and austere formative years, developed a diametrically opposed attitude: that public officials, certainly those at the Cabinet level, should live relatively unostentatious lives, and not get involved in the common man's economic rat race.

True, this ethic was seriously eroded in regard to sub-Cabinet officials under recent Labour governments, an erosion which even began to make inroads into the Cabinet under the last government. Mr. Begin, one of the few exemplars of this earlier ethic in his own Cabinet, would do well to pay heed to the fact that Mr. Rabin felt constrained to resign over such a technical peccadillo as his wife's unauthorized foreign bank account.

This is a point well worth keeping in mind. Mr. Begin's party succeeded after 29 years of electoral frustration largely as a result of growing public disenchantment with Labour on domestic issues, with the issue of corruption looming especially large. Even during their initial state of

# HOW TO SAY "NO" TO ARAFAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In terms of public relations impact, the words of our spokesmen are not always of gem-like quality. Such shortcomings in the wisdom department are perhaps understandable. But what is somewhat less understandable is our sometimes devastating silence in answer to our "friendly" cousins as they say.

In terms of rebuttal, we have been reassuringly told that our modest public relations efforts are much more on target than is the limitless rhetoric of our neighbours. This explanation is all too often unadmitted fluff being stuffed down our collective throat.

Why, for example, has the Arab catch phrase about the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinians become so deeply embedded in Western political pronouncements? Might it not be because we tried so hard to tell the world that the Arabs alone are to blame for their own refugees that we almost forgot to mention that our house is full of refugees from the Arab lands — refugees whose "legitimate rights" were torn to shreds by Arab decree?

Even on the current hot potato, the issue of a "homeland" for the Palestinians, we seem to be putting our collective foot into our mouth by stressing the future threat to us by the creation of an additional Arab state. Would we not be on safer ground if we emphasized something more tangible — the overwhelming historical evidence which negates their claim?

We must not only learn what to say but, of equal importance, how to say it. We could improve our image immensely if we learned how to say "no" properly. Almost every time we are asked whether we'll talk to the PLO, our answer has been a resounding, "No, never!" "No" needs a modifier, a "because," a sensible explanation to soften its cutting edge.

Golda Meir, too, was once asked in a TV interview whether she would agree to talk to the PLO. Her answer was a classic in hitting bull's eye. "What will we talk about?" she asked sweetly, "the precise manner of our expected suicide?" She then went on and deftly annihilated the PLO by simply citing their own words and deeds.

When can we swallow our pride long enough to really call in professional help?

It would be useful if we prepared a booklet containing a concise point by point exposition of our right to peepholes in the land of our people and including, above all, a listing of the Arab claims and charges against us, each one followed by answers as blunt and as truthful as our experts can make them. Having such an information gem around us all the time would help each one of us.

Then too, in addition to our nice gesture in passing out a Kova-Tewel to our tourists, we could place a little booklet into each hat. We could also see to it that at least the Jewish students of Western universities where the Arab propaganda effort has had an almost unchallenged monopoly have access to this counter-weapon of ours.

ABN GABRIEL, Jerusalem.

## WE ARE ARABS NOT PALESTINIANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My attention has been drawn to the informative article by Yehuda E. Blum, "The Palestinians and Nationhood — Part II," of August 12.

It brought to mind something told me by an old-timer in Israel. When, during the Mandate, the British designated those living in Israel as Palestinians on their passports, the Jews were delighted and proudly showed their new title to visiting friends.

But the Arabs indignantly refused this classification, saying: "We are not Palestinians, we are Arabs."

Times certainly change.

JOAN McWHIRTER, Jerusalem.

## THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was appalled to read in your issue of August 26 that a man and his family had been denied immigrant status because the man had been hospitalized for mental illness. By such an act, this country only serves to perpetuate the stigma attached to mental illness.

Does a prior history of hospitaliza-

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